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SUBJ: ICELAND- NORWEGIAN AGREEMENT ON FISHING INSIDE 50- MILE LIMIT

1. ICELAND HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO PERMIT A LIMITED NUMBER OF NORWEGIAN VESSELS TO FISH INSIDE THE 50- MILE LIMIT CLAIMED BY ICELAND. THE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ICELANDIC AND NORWEGIAN MINISTRIES OF FISHERIES AND WILL REQUIRE FORMAL APPROVAL BY THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE.

2. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, UP TO 30 NORWEGIAN BOATS WILL BE ALLOWED AT ANY ONE TIME IN THE AREA BETWEEN THE OLD 12- MILE AND THE NEW 50- MILE ICELANDIC FISHERY LIMIT. NORWEGIANS HAVE TRADITIONALLY FISHED IN THIS AREA ONLY WITH LONG LINES AND NETS, AND THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO INTRODUCE TRAWLERS INTO THE AREA. NORWEGIAN FISHERMEN HAVE NOT VENTURED INSIDE THE 50- MILE LIMIT SINCE ICELAND ANNOUNCED ITS EXPANDED JURISDICTION LAST YEAR.

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3. A FISHERIES MINISTRY SPOKESMAN, IN CONFIRMING PRESS REPORTS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT, SAID IT CONTAINS A PROVISION SIMILAR TO THAT IN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ICELAND AND BELGIUM WHICH STATES LFAT THE PRESENT AGREEMENT DOES NOT NECESSARILY IMPLY RECOGNITION OF ICELAND' S RIGHT TO EXTENDNATS FISHERY LIMITS UNILATERALLY.
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